

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A machine tool is provided in which a movable member guided by a hydrostatic slideway is held in a predetermined attitude. A vertical machining center as the machine tool includes a spindle head supported on a front face of a column in a vertically movable manner. A hydrostatic slideway for guiding the spindle head includes a slide rail provided on the spindle head and a slide guide provided on the front face of the column. A pocket is provided in a lower end portion of a slideway of the slide guide on the side of the column. Pressurized oil is supplied into the pocket at a pressure which is gradually increased according to a downward movement distance of the spindle head from the uppermost position.